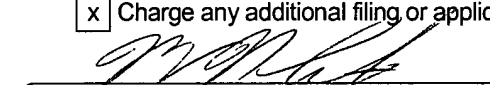




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Applicant(s): Alnoor M. SHIVJI et al.					
Invention: METHODS AND APPARATUSES FOR PROVIDING MULTIPLE SERVICES FROM ANY SLOT IN A SONET SYSTEM HAVING MULTIPLE SLOTS					
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated June 21, 2005, finally rejecting claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8-10, 12, 13, 16-22, and 24-29, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.